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REPORT

TOPIC Finow Airfield

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On 2 May, the following aircraft were counted at the field: 2 MiG-15s at the take-off point, 4 MiG-15s of the alert flight, 52 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s and 9 Yak-11s at the northern edge of the field; an additional 5 aircraft were believed to be parked at the northern edge. On 17 May, there was intensive air activity by individual MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s which made local flights, while other aircraft practiced flying in formations of two and four. ¹

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2. On 26 April, a resident of Lichterfelde stated that a Soviet aircraft had crashed in Lichterfelde on the evening of 23 April. Several houses had been damaged and a woman injured. On 17 May, the place of accident was cleared and the damaged houses were repaired by order of the Soviets.
3. On 2 May, a special motor vehicle, similar to an Opel Kadett, was observed at the take-off point. From this car a cable extended to the left side of a MiG-15. The car probably was a starter carriage as, immediately after the cable connection to the aircraft was effected, the jet engine was started.
4. On 22 May, 2 trucks, 1 searchlight about 2 meters in diameter, and 1 two-wheeled generator, about 2.5 meters long, were observed about 500 meters south of Finow-Finowfurt road. Two air force soldiers were engaged in fitting a device, similar to a radar set, on the searchlight. ²
5. Between 26 April and 2 May, only 3 x 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field.

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A model AA 4 Mk 3 radar set and, at a distance of some meters, a Fishnet-type radar set were observed west of Eiesenthaler Strasse, north of the AA gun emplacement.³

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7. During May, MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were repeatedly observed flying at the field. The aircraft strength at the field was estimated at 60 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s.¹

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8. On 5 and 10 May, a truck mounting a model AA 4 MK 3 radar set was observed in the southeastern corner of the field about 100 meters west of the AA gun emplacement. On 10 May, a Kniferest-type radar set was observed about 300 meters south of kilometer marker 6.1 on the Finow-Finowfurth road. About 200 meters west of this set was a small hill with a Token-type radar set on top.³

9. At the beginning of May, 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets were posted at the southern guardhouse.⁴

10. On 5 May, a new wooden hut, about 6 x 8 meters, was observed east of the northern end of the short runway. About 10 soldiers worked on the hut.

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12. Finow airfield was observed almost every day between 24 and 29 May. Local flights were made by individual aircraft and in elements of twos. On one day, a formation of 3 aircraft was observed flying at a high altitude.

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. On 27 May, about 50 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were parked at the northern edge of the field.

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13. At the end of May, 4 x 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field. The bomb piles in the northeastern corner of the field were no longer recognized as such. They were protected by a roof and covered on the sides.

1. Comment. It appears that Finow airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments.

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2. Comment. For location and sketch of radar set, see Annex.

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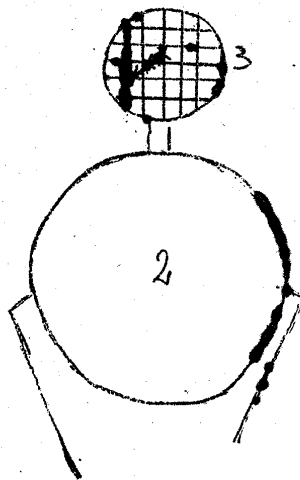
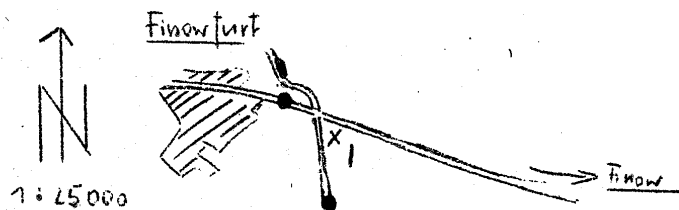
3. Comment. A light AA battery of 6 x 37-mm AA guns is stationed at Finow airfield. The radar sets mentioned were previously reported.

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Annex

Searchlight with Radar Set Observed Near Finow**Legend:**

- 1 Location of searchlight
- 2 Searchlight about 2 meters in diameter
- 3 Radar grid, about 70 cm in diameter;
from the middle of the grid a rod with 3 dipoles projects vertically
to the fore

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